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SUBJECT: MOD LEBER'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH SECDEF BROWN

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1. FRG DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT,
DR. BLOCH, TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR TODAY THAT
MINISTER LEBER WOULD WANT PARTICULARLY TO DISCUSS WITH
SECRETARY BROWN THE GENERAL STRATEGIC SITUATION. BLOCH
SAID LEBER BELIEVED SUCH A DISCUSSION WOULD SET THE
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FRAMEWORK UNDER WHICH PARTICULAR TOPICS COULD BE HANDLED.
HE SAID SUCH A DISCUSSION SHOULD INCLUDE MUTUAL EXCHANGES
APPRAISING THREAT AS WELL AS OUTLINING CONCEPTS REGARD-
ING THE BEST BALANCE FOR NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL
DETERRENT FORCES.

2. BLOCH SAID THAT LEBER WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED AND

DELIGHTED TO DISCUSS OTHER TOPICS, BUT THAT HE WISHED
TO BEGIN WITH A STRATEGIC DISCUSSION IN ORDER TO
ESTABLISH A BACKGROUND AGAINST WHICH OTHER TOPICS COULD
BE DISCUSSED. HE SAID LEBER WOULD, OF COURSE, BE OPEN
TO ANY SUGGESTIONS.

3. BLOCH ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED, BUT HAD NOT BEEN
REQUESTED TO STATE OFFICIALLY, THAT LEBER WOULD LIKE TO
MEET WITH SECRETARY BROWN BEFORE THE NEXT DPC MEETING.
HE SAID THAT THIS, OF COURSE, DEPENDED ON THE SECRETARY'S
WISHES.

4. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT MINISTER LEBER
WILL BE DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH SECRETARY BROWN REGARDING
A MEETING.

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